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SUBJECT: GOP MINISTER OF STATE ON AFGHANISTAN  
DEVELOPMENTS

1. (U) ON JANUARY 21, GOP MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZAIN NOORANI, IN OPPOSING AN  
ADJOURNMENT MOTION ON AFGHANISTAN, STATED BEFORE THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT:

-- IT WAS MERELY A "COINCIDENCE" THAT UNDERSECRETARY  
ARMACOST AND SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER  
KOVALYEV HAPPENED TO BE IN ISLAMABAD AT THE SAME TIME.

-- RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAD  
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RAISED HOPES "OF A CERTAIN MOBILITY IN THE SOVIET  
POSITION" ON AFGHANISTAN.

-- UNDERSECRETARY ARMACOST'S VISIT HAD "CONFIRMED  
AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO REACH A POLITICAL  
SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD SECURE THE THE WITHDRAWAL OF  
SOVIET TROOPS AND THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH  
THE REFUGEES COULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN SAFETY  
AND HONOR."

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-- THE TALKS WITH KOVALYEV HAD COMPLEMENTED BUT COULD NOT REPLACE THE GNEVA PROCESS. "NOR DO THEY IN ANY WAY COMPROMISE OR PREJUDICE THE PRINCIPLES UPHELD BY 122 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. E.G., THE CENTRALITY OF THE QUESTION OF A SHORT TIMEFRAME OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES."

-- WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS REGARDING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN AFGHANISTAN, "IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT PAKISTAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXTEND SUCH ASSISTANCE AS WAS POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE REALIZATION OF PROPOSALS THAT ARE REALISTIC, MEANINGFUL, AND REFLECT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE, WHO WOULD BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION."

2. (U) EARLIER, FIVE OPPOSITION MNA'S HAD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON AFGHANISTAN IN LIGHT OF THE CONCURRENT VISITS OF ARMACOST AND KOVALYEV. FAKHR IMAM AND ABIDA HUSSAIN DEMANDED TO KNOW THE "REALITY" CONFIDENTIAL  
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BEHIND THE VISITS OF THE SOVIET AND U.S. OFFICIALS, WHILE DR. SHAFIQ ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF "BECOMING A LACKEY OF THE UNITED STATES". LIAQUAT BALUCH, LEADER OF THE JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI GROUP IN THE ASSEMBLY TOOK ANOTHER TACK, CLAIMING THAT THE MOSCOW AND KABUL WERE PUTTING "PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES" ON THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN BY CARRYING OUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY. HE POINTED OUT THAT, IF THERE HAD BEEN NO WAR IN AFGHANISTAN "AS SOME PEOPLE CLAIM WHO OPPOSE THE PRESENCE OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN", THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO CEASEFIRE OFFER FROM KABUL.

3. (U) AFTER NOORANI'S STATEMENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY RULED THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION OUT OF ORDER, NOTING THAT DEBATE ON ISSUE COULD PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATIONAL INTERESTS. FOLLOWING THE SPEAKER'S RULING, SOME OF THE OPPOSITION MEMBERS STAGED A BRIEF WALKOUT.

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5. (U) KABUL AND MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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